

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451

1. SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1515 HOURS; FROM EMBASSY OFFICER ON THE SCENE: BUS HAS ARRIVED LARNACA AIRPORT. APPEARS CONTAIN APPROX TWENTY PERSONS. MIN INT VENIAMIN ON BUS. EDEK LEADER LYSSARIDES NOW IN AIRPORT TERMINAL WITH PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALECOS MICHAELIDES, C/POLICE ANTONIOU AND MFA DIRGEN PELAGHIAS. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU IS AT LARNACA POLICE STATION, JUST HAVING RETURNED FROM TRIP TO GREECE AND ON OPEN TELEPHONE LINE WITH OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT.

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2. CYPRUS AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT IS SITUATED APPROX 50 METERS FROM THE BUS, WITH NO SIGNS OF ACTIVITY NEAR THE PLANE AND ENGINE COVERS IN PLACE. SECOND CYPAIR AIRCRAFT HAS LANDED AND HAS REMAINED ON RUNWAY SOME DISTANCE FROM BUS AND AIRPORT BUILDING.

3. ALMOST NO SECURITY PRECAUTIONS EVIDENT AND PRESS AND BYSTANDERS ARE WANDERING FREELY IN AREA BETWEEN TERMINAL BUILDING

AND BUS WHICH LOCATED ABOUT 300 METERS FROM THE TERMINAL ON APRON.

4. ACCORDING TO ONE CYPRIOT JOURNALIST, LIBYAN AMBASSADOR  
ZINTANY HAS STATED THAT TERRORISTS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ACCEPTED  
IN LIBYA.

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON TERRORIST DEMANDS OR DESIRED  
DESTINATION.  
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